

California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

Thursday July 27, 2006

9:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Friday, July 28, 2006

9:00 AM - Noon

**Madera Community College Center
30277 Avenue 12, Room TM-11
Madera, California**

— Summary of Meeting Proceedings —
— Board Meeting —

I. Call to Order

Secretary Sunne Wright McPeak welcomed attendees and called the meeting of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley to order at the Madera Community College Center at 9:50 a.m. She gave a general overview of the meeting agenda.

She introduced Linda Adams, the new Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency, as a new member of the Partnership Board. Secretary McPeak introduced Deputy Co-Chairs Fritz Grupe and Supervisor Connie Conway, who made brief welcoming remarks.

Self introductions of all those attending followed.

II. Report on Status of Budget and Funding

Secretary McPeak reported that Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed the 2006-2007 State Budget which included \$5 million for the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley. She thanked Partnership members for their work relative to the budget.

Secretary McPeak noted that securing broadband access for the Madera Community College Center was one of the accomplishments of the Partnership. She then introduced Dr. Tom Crow, Chancellor of the State Center Community College District. Dr. Crow gave welcoming remarks and noted that the State Center Community College District, which covers the area from Madera to Tulare, through its Fresno City College Campus, is the second largest producer of registered nurses in the nation. He also mentioned an upcoming summit focusing on district accomplishments and challenges.

III. Approval of Minutes from the June 7, 2006 and May 19, 2006 Board Meetings

It was noted that the name of Kome Ajise had been misspelled in the draft June 7 minutes. A motion was made to approve the June 7, 2006 minutes as amended and the May 19, 2006 minutes as edited. Secretary McPeak noted no objection and the motion passed by consensus.

IV. Summary of Public Forums

Heidi Arno and John Cox gave brief summaries of all Public Forums, noting that more than 1,000 people had participated in California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley meetings to date and highlighting common issues brought up by the public at all Partnership Forums.

V. Summary of Ranking of Recommended Actions

Jonnalee Henderson and Heidi Arno reported on the ranking of recommended actions determined by Partnership Board members at the June meeting. The highest ranking priority actions were implementation of the Highway 99 Master Plan and Implementation of the Air Quality Plan to make progress toward compliance by 2013. Other high ranking issues were workforce development, K-12 student achievement and incentives to equalize the jobs-housing match. A brief discussion of the priorities followed.

VI. Revised Vision Statements for Work Groups

Work Group vision statements were distributed for Board review. The Board recommended minor wording changes to the statements. The revised vision statements are contained in Appendix A to these Minutes.

VII. Strategic Action Plan Outline and Proposed Priority Action Recommendations

The Board discussed the matrix document titled “California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Strategic Action Proposal Draft” in detail. The items listed in the “Recommendations” column were referred to by the group as “buckets,” and the items listed in the “Strategic Actions” column were referred to as “pans.” Amendments to the document were adopted. The revised version is contained in Appendix B to these Minutes.

VIII. Report on Funding and Financing

Pete Weber gave the report for the Ad Hoc Funding and Financing Committee that convened earlier on July 27, 2006. He introduced Stan Hazelroth and Roma Cristia-Plant, representatives of the California Infrastructure Bank (I-Bank). Both had participated in the Committee meeting. The Committee discussed the need to identify funding requirements, existing sources, and how to fill any gaps between them. The Committee also discussed whether it would be best to seek comprehensive funding for all identified needs from the federal government, or to seek funding for one major category at a time, such as air quality, transportation, water, open space. No decision was made.

Stan Hazelroth made a brief presentation about how I-Bank worked, and thanked the Partnership for its work in this area.

IX. Lunch Break

Secretary McPeak introduced Deborah Nankivell of the Fresno Area Regional Collaborative Initiative. Ms. Nankivell introduced David Thornburgh, the new President of the Alliance for Regional Stewardship. Mr. Thornburgh, whose organization assists groups like the Partnership to achieve their goals, spoke regarding structure.

Secretary Bradshaw and Supervisor Connie Conway joined the meeting and participated in subsequent discussions and actions.

X. Announcement by the Department of Managed Health Care

At 1:30 p.m., the Partnership Board members participated in a conference call with Cindy Ehnes, Director of the Department of Managed Health Care. Secretary McPeak provided background information and then introduced Director Ehnes who announced the Department had awarded \$5 million to the UC Merced to begin establishing a medical education program. Funding came from money set aside during the merger of United Health Group and Pacificare.

Secretary McPeak introduced Dr. Maria Pallavicini, Dean of the School of Natural Sciences at UC Merced. Dean Pallavicini thanked the Partnership for its work and expressed appreciation on behalf of the University to Director Ehnes for the funding. She briefly outlined the progress being made on the medical education program at UC Merced for the Board.

XI. Work Group and Other Reports

Supervisor Connie Conway chaired the meeting.

Health and Human Services

Fritz Grupe and Trina Gonzalez reported for the Health and Human Services Work Group. Seven recommendations were made. The need to increase the number of health care professionals in the Valley, substance abuse-related issues, foster care, and the cost of health care were discussed.

K-12 Education

Ricardo Soto and Mayor Alan Autry reported for the K-12 Education Work Group. The report included the need for a leadership academy for principals of low performing schools and computer literacy programs and standards. It was noted that AB 2659 (Arambula), which was endorsed by the Partnership at its March meeting, failed passage. A discussion on school reform followed.

Water Quality, Supply, Reliability, and Energy

Councilman Paul Boyer introduced Jim Tischer, who reported for the Water Quality, Supply, Reliability and Energy Work Group. He reviewed the recommendations in the Work Group's

report. Discussion that followed included ground water storage and conjunctive use projects, the bioenergy initiative, and the feasibility of using a biomass plant to help manage a watershed.

Air Quality and Environmental Protection

Pete Weber reported for the Air Quality and Environmental Protection Work Group. A recent survey by the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) shows a large percentage of Valley residents consider air quality the most important issue facing the Valley today (on an open-ended, un-prompted question 14% cited air quality, which was the largest amount; and air quality was ranked the third highest concern behind transportation and housing in response to a list of problems). Discussion of the implications of the study followed.

Land Use, Housing, and Agriculture

Supervisor Victor Mow reported for the Land Use, Housing and Agriculture Work Group. The planning horizon for the work plan is 2050, which is different from the ten-year time line for the other Work Groups. Proposed projects include natural resource mapping, creation of a state agricultural plan, and changes to the laws so that the process of infill and refill developing is less difficult. The work of the Land Use, Housing and Agriculture Work Group will coordinate with the Regional Blueprint Plan led by the Councils of Government in the San Joaquin Valley.

Transportation

Ray Dezember reported for the Transportation Work Group. The Work Group is focused on Highway 99 and east-west connecting highways.

Telecommunications

Ray Dezember also reported for the Telecommunications Work Group. The Pixley Project being undertaken by the Great Valley Center is a demonstration of the progress being made in telecommunications. Dr. Alan Hammond, head of the Broadband Initiative of California, has participated in the Telecommunication Work Group report.

Higher Education and Workforce Development

Larry Fortune reported for the Higher Education and Workforce Development Work Group. Ashley Swearengen presented the High Growth Job Training Initiative grant application to be submitted by the Partnership to the U.S. Department of Labor.

A motion was made and seconded to submit an application to the U.S. Department for the High Growth Job Training Initiative grant to support the advanced manufacturing industry in the San Joaquin Valley. Co-Chair Conway noted no objection and the motion passed by consensus.

Economic Development

Supervisor Jeff Grover reported for the Economic Development Work Group. Among the Work Group recommendations are infrastructure and incentive programs, a region-wide competitiveness zone, and an emphasis on renewable energy technologies.

XII. Work Group Recommendations in Template Format

Secretary McPeak noted that the Work Group Recommendations in template format would be included in the Strategic Action Proposal of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley to be presented to the Governor in November.

XIII. Framing Statement – Overview of Challenge and Strategic Action Proposal

Carol Whiteside gave a brief overview of the draft framing statement, which is an overview of the San Joaquin Valley to introduce the Strategic Action Proposal. She noted that the Great Valley Center has the capacity and has previous experience serving as fiscal agent for other agencies and organizations.

XIV. Proposed Overall Metrics

Secretary McPeak reminded Work Group conveners that each report must contain metrics. Discussion of overall high-level metrics was continued until a later meeting.

XV. Visionary Terms for Strategic Action Proposal

The draft Background Vision Statement was distributed. Secretary McPeak called the group's attention to the Organizational Structure for Implementation of the Strategic Action Plan which was part of Budget for Implementation of the strategic Action Proposal which was approved by the Partnership Board on June 7, 2006 and was redistributed at this meeting. Discussion on several items followed but no action was taken.

XVI. Communications Plan

Secretary McPeak distributed an Outreach and Communications Plan which was discussed and agreed by the Board. The amended outreach and communications Plan is Attachment C to these minutes.

Secretary McPeak announced that her office would mail a draft report to Partnership members for their review and comment on or before September 8. She asked that Partnership members review the document as quickly as possible. The draft document will be made available for review to interested parties and the public on September 18. It was noted that distributing the document on CD would be less expensive and resource intensive than distributing on paper and that method should be used when possible.

A discussion of how to acknowledge Work Group and other participants in the final document followed. It was agreed that each Work Group convener would notify participants and give them an opportunity to opt out of acknowledgement in the final document of the Strategic Action Plan.

Final adoption is scheduled to take place at the Partnership Meeting in Fresno on October 26 and 27.

XVII. Federal Interagency Task Force Report

Rollie Smith reported for the Federal Interagency Task Force. He noted that he has been urged to ask Congress to add San Joaquin County to the Federal Interagency Task Force and to extend the executive order extending the Federal Task Force until after the Partnership implementation plan is in place.

XVIII. Updates from Designated Liaisons

Kirk Lindsey reported for the California Transportation Commission. In discussing transportation issues the Commission is paying close attention to the actions of the Partnership.

Supervisor Barbara Patrick reported for the California Air Resources Board. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency intends to declare the San Joaquin Valley an attainment area for PM 10.

XIX. Review and Discussion of Organizational Structure for Implementing Strategic Action Proposal

The Budget for Implementation of the Strategic Action proposal was discussed. Board members discussed how to include representatives of regional consortia of existing organizations when the Strategic Action Proposal is implemented. A decision was continued until the September meeting.

XX. Timetable for September and October

The Partnership will meet with the Federal Delegation in Fresno on August 15 and with the California Legislative Delegation on August 17 in Sacramento.

Two future Partnership meetings were scheduled: September 14 and 15 in Bakersfield and October 27 and 28 in Fresno. Exact locations and times are to be determined.

XXI. Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting adjourned on July 28 at 1:20 p.m.

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Gary Gilbert, Supervisor, Madera County
Jeff Grover, Supervisor, Stanislaus County
Victor Mow, Supervisor, San Joaquin County

Civic Leaders

Sheila Carroll, Ross F. Carroll, Inc., Modesto
Ray Dezember, Bakersfield
Larry Fortune, Fortune Associates, Fresno
Fritz Grupe, The Grupe Company, Stockton
Fred Ruiz, Ruiz Foods, Dinuba

Cabinet Secretaries

Secretary Linda Adams, Environmental Protection Agency
Secretary Victoria Bradshaw, Labor and Workforce Development Agency
Secretary Sunne Wright McPeak, Business, Transportation and Housing Agency

Cabinet Designees

Jay Chamberlin, representing Resources Agency Secretary Mike Chrisman
Trina Gonzalez, representing Health and Human Services Agency Secretary Kim Belshe
Jonnalee Henderson, representing Department of Food and Agriculture Secretary A.G. Kawamura
Ricardo Soto, representing Education Secretary Alan Bersin

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Other Key Partners

Supporting Agencies

Heidi Arno, Great Valley Center
Debora Bolen, Maddy Institute, California State University, Fresno
Mariana Cordova, Great Valley Center
John Cox, Business, Transportation and Housing Agency
Maggie Dunbar, Great Valley Center
Jason Hone, Business, Transportation and Housing Agency
Carolyn Lott, Great Valley Center
Ann Marquez, California State University, Fresno
Ashley Swearengin, California State University, Fresno
Jim Tischer, California State University, Fresno
Belen Torres, Business, Transportation and Housing Agency
Cindy Tuck, California Environmental Protection Agency
Carol Whiteside, Great Valley Center

Other Guests

Bill Cooper, Tulare County Workforce Investment Board
Roma Cristia-Plant, Assistant Executive Director, I-Bank
Dr. Tom Crow, Chancellor, State Center Community College District
Josh Franco, UC Merced
John Garamendi, Jr., Vice Chancellor, UC Merced
Stan Hazelroth, Executive Director, I-Bank
Kevin Kast, Caltrans (Videographer)
Cheryl Lehn, Office of Congressman Jim Costa
Mike Lukens, Office of Congressman George Radanovich
John Madrid, Office of Fresno Mayor Alan Autry
Deborah Nankivell, Fresno Area Regional Collaborative Initiative
Brandy Nikaido, UC Merced
Dr. Maria Pallavicini, Dean, School of Natural Sciences, UC Merced
Ron Silva, Westar Transport
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Larry Fortune, Fortune Associates, Fresno
Jose Rivera, Kaiser Permanente, Stockton
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Josh Franco, UC Merced
Kevin Kast, Caltrans (Videographer)
John Madrid, Office of Fresno Mayor Alan Autry
Patricia Nicholson, Merced County Association of Governments
Rollie Smith, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley
Meeting with County Administrative Officers and City Managers

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1:30 PM

Madera County Department of Social Services Conference Center
700 East Yosemite Avenue
Madera, California

— Summary of Meeting Proceedings —

I. Welcome

At 1:50 p.m., Supervisor Frank Bigelow, Chairman of the Madera County Board of Supervisors, made welcoming remarks. He introduced Secretary Sunne Wright McPeak, who thanked Stell Manfredi, Supervisor Gary Gilbert, and Supervisor Bigelow for their assistance in organizing the meeting.

Secretary McPeak gave background information on the Partnership and introduced Co-Chair Connie Conway, who made welcoming remarks.

Participants made self introductions.

II. Presentation and Discussion Concerning Preliminary Recommendation of the San Joaquin Valley Partnership on Proposed Priority Actions, and Implementation of the Organization Structure

Secretary McPeak explained that the purpose of this meeting is to get input from the County Administrative Officers and City Managers on the content of the strategic action proposal and to get their assistance in securing broad agreement for the proposal. She explained the timeline for the Partnership report to the Governor as well.

The Strategic Action Proposal summary matrix was distributed and Secretary McPeak described the contents and background of the document. She then turned the meeting over to Co-Chair Conway, who facilitated the discussion that followed.

III. Comments and Feedback from Audience

Participants took part in a lengthy discussion, questions and comments about what the work of the Partnership meant to local governments and communities. The meeting concluded with agreement that the Great Valley Center would follow up with interested group of County Administrators and City Managers to explore options for implementation of the Strategic Action Proposal that can integrate the expertise and capacities of local governments.

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Supervisor Frank Bigelow, Madera County
Bart Bohn, County Administrative Officer, County of Fresno
George Britton, City Manager, City of Modesto
Joe Donabed, City Manager, City of Hughson
Ron Errea, County Administrative Officer, County of Kern
Eric Fleming, Madera County Administrative Office
Robert Ford, General Services Director, City of Clovis
Brian Haddix, County Administrative Officer, County of Tulare
D-B Heusser, City Manager, City of Selma
Jeanette Ishii, Assistant County Administrative Officer, County of Fresno
Bobby Kahn, Executive Director, Madera County Economic Development Commission
Brad Kilger, City Manager, City of Ceres
Steve Kyte, Interim City Manager, City of Oakdale
Mary Lindsay, City of Hanford
Stell Manfredi, County Administrative Officer, County of Madera
Jim Marshall, City Manager, City of Merced
Cleve Morris, City Manager, City of Patterson
Elaine Post, City of Los Banos
David Prentice, Madera County
Rick Robinson, Chief Executive Officer, County of Stanislaus
Margaret Silveira, Director of Housing and Economic Development, City of Riverbank
Andrew Souza, City Manager, City of Fresno
Larry Spikes, County Administrative Officer, County of Kings
Bryan Whitemyer, Management Analyst, City of Modesto

Other Guests

Jeff St. John, Fresno Bee